Review of relief norms under CRF/NCCF

804. SHRIVIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted an Expert Group to review the relief norms of the CRF/NCCF;

(b) whether any decision has been taken by Government on the report of the Expert Group;

(c) what representations have been made by Gujarat and other States to revise the norms fixed under CRF/NCCF; and

(d) what decision has been taken by Government on these representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) An Expert Group has been set up in the Ministry of Home Affairs to comprehensively review the existing items and norms of expenditure for assistance from CRF/NCCF and formulate the norms for newly added calamities in the approved list of natural calamities. The Expert Group, in order to have a wider cross section of opinion on board, have consulted and sought suggestions from all the State Governments, including Government of Gujarat and concerned Central Ministries/Departments. The issues proposed by the State Governments have been considered by the Expert Group. The Group has since submitted its report and it has been considered by the Government of India in the Ministries of Home Affairs, Finance as well as by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). The proposal of revision of items and norms of assistance from CRF/NCCF is now being placed before the High Level Committee (HLC) for its consideration and approval. Thereafter, the revised items and norms, as approved by the HLC, will be notified and circulated to the States and the concerned Central Ministries/Departments/ Organisations.

Clearance for fishing activities

805. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: